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March 7, 2007

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7/23/55-8/11/55

Subject: LOWRY, SUMTER L

FOIPA No. 1064426- 000

Dear Requester:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

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19 page(s) were reviewed and 19 page(s) are being released.

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- ☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

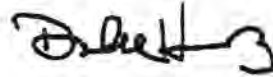
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☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s).

If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)

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LOREE FLORENCE, M. D.
SOUTHERN MUTUAL BUILDING
ATHENS, GA.

July 23, 1955.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Recently I was privileged to meet Gen. Sumpter L. Lowry of Tampa, Fla. and Waynesville, N.C. I asked him if he received intelligence reports and he told me he got them through the F B I. I would certainly like to get them if possible. I have been getting DeCoursey's weekly intelligence reports but think good, loyal Americans should be able to get the truth here.

All of our news media is so infiltrated we get only what THEY want us to get. If our leaders would only do some research on the Khazars and knew the Bible they would understand how sick America really is and that the only way anyone can have Peace is from above. GOD is not DEAD but so many have eyes and see not, ears and hear not.

With the University of Georgia here I have attended many of the sessions of different groups and HOW they are being filled with the LINE. A recent Civil Defense meeting was most illuminating. It is my humble opinion they are organized from all branches of the Military down to take us over. The signal is to come from the Air Force. I asked one of the Instructors when she thought the 'simulated' attack would come and she said it was not coming. SATAN and all his followers refuse to recognize a higher POWER who in HIS own good time is to strike. (Ezekiel 38:4)

We as a Nation and as individuals have only ONE WAY given to us nearly 2000 years ago. Those who crucified HIM then are attempting to destroy HIS FOLLOWERS to-day. If only America would wake up (and she will) the time is so short. FAITH makes this a most wonderful time to be alive.

If you see fit to grant my request above I shall be most grateful. All good wishes in your work which the enemy would like to destroy. If only our Leaders were good Americans and CHRISTIAN as you are PEACE would come sooner.

Sincerely yours,

Loree Florence, M.D.

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Memo to be sent to
Boardman et al
7-27-55

Memo to Sae Atlanta
cc Miami et al
7-29-55

Retype of said letter originally dated July 27, 1955.

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SAC, Atlanta

Director, FBI

LOREE FLORENCE, M.D.;
GENERAL SUMPTER L. LOWRY
INFORMATION CONCERNING (LIAISON)

July 29, 1955

1 - Mr. Belmont
1 - Section tickler
1 - Foreign Liaison

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Enclosed is a copy of a letter dated July 23, 1955, received from Loree Florence, M.D., Southern Mutual Building, Athens, Georgia. With reference to first paragraph of enclosed letter:

Atlanta Office should contact Dr. Florence; acknowledge receipt of letter; inform Dr. Florence of confidential nature of FBI files; ascertain any additional facts Dr. Florence may have pertaining to this matter; and furnish results of interview to Bureau and Miami Office.

Upon receipt of results of Atlanta Office interview with Dr. Florence, Miami Office should contact General Lowry; advise him concerning Dr. Florence's statement; and ascertain facts concerning his receipt of intelligence reports through the FBI.

Bureau files reflect two letters of similar content received from Dr. Florence in 1953 and 1954. 1950 edition of "American Medical Directory" reflects Dr. Loree Florence was born 1896; graduated from the University of Georgia Medical School, and has practice limited to pediatrics and internal medicine. His home address is listed as 285 Hampton Court, Athens, Georgia.

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Bureau files reflect no dissemination of FBI reports to General Lowry. General Lowry may possibly be identical with Sumpter L. Lowry, Jr., mentioned on pages 19 and 20 of report of SA dated July 26, 1954, at Miami, Miami file 100-11249. "Who's Who in America" of 1954 and 1955 reflects that Lowry, a business executive, has been, since 1947, the Chairman of the Board of Bushnell Iron Works, Inc., Tampa, Florida; Bushnell Steel Company, Jacksonville, Florida; Bushnell Steel Products, Inc., Miami; and Florida Metals, Inc., Tampa. He retired from active service in the U.S. Army in 1945 and since 1946 has been Major General in National Guard of U.S. His home address is 1902 Ardsley Street, and his office is at 1205 South Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, Florida.

Bureau files reflect no record concerning DeCoursy's weekly intelligence report. However, correspondent may be referring to monthly booklet, "Intelligence Digest- Review of World Affairs," which has been consistently anti-Soviet and is In addition, this publication, which publishes news of international and political developments, was described in SAC Letter No. 62 dated August 30, 1949.

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<u>(SAC letter 82 dated 8/30/49)</u>	

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. L. V. Boardman *7-29-55*

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont *AB*

SUBJECT: LOREE FLORENCE, M.D.;
GENERAL SUMPTER L. LOWRY;
DECOURSIS'S WEEKLY INTELLIGENCE REPORT

DATE: July 27, 1955

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In a letter to the Director dated July 23, 1955, received from Loree Florence, M.D., of Athens, Georgia, correspondent reported that when he asked General Sumpter L. Lowry of Tampa, Florida, and Waynesville North Carolina, if he received intelligence reports, the General told him he got them through the FBI. Correspondent requested that he also be furnished FBI intelligence reports, and stated he had been getting Decoursis's weekly intelligence reports but thought good loyal Americans should be able to get the truth here. The letter also rambles on for four additional paragraphs in which the correspondent alternately quotes from the Bible, praises the Director, and makes allegations concerning Communist infiltration.

Bureau files reflect that on September 15, 1953, and February 2, 1954, Dr. Florence directed similar letters to the Director. In his letter of September 14, 1953, he asked how to meet the Russian menace, stating that he did not feel safe in the city. Bureau letter of September 28, 1953, thanked him for his interest and suggested he contact his state Civil Defense organization. Bureau letter of February 8, 1954, expressed appreciation for correspondent's expression of confidence. Dr. Florence is listed in 1950 edition of "American Medical Directory" as having been born in 1896; graduating from the University of Georgia Medical School in 1926; practicing pediatrics and internal medicine; and living at 285 Hampton Court, Athens, Georgia (62-1-737; 100-0-29155).

There is no indication in Bureau files that FBI reports are or have been made available to General Sumpter L. Lowry. He is described in "Who's Who in America," as a business executive who has, since 1947, been chairman of the Board of Bushnell Iron Works, Inc., Tampa, Florida; Bushnell Steel Company, Jacksonville, Florida; Bushnell Steel Products, Inc., Miami; and Florida Metals Inc., Tampa. He has been connected with National Guard since 1914. He retired from active service in the U. S. Army in 1945, having served during 1944-1945 as Brigadier General with 31st Infantry Division in

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Memorandum for Mr. Boardman

Pacific Theater. Since 1946, he has been Major General in National Guard of U. S. He lives at 1902 Ardsley Street and has offices at 1205 South Dale Mabry Highway, Tampa, Florida. Bureau files reflect one reference possibly identical with Lowry or his son (dependent on whether the General's father is living). Reference reflects that in 1954 Sumpter L. Lowry, Jr., Tampa, Florida, as candidate for political office, was to receive political backing of the Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK) and that informant stated that if elected, Lowry had made some type of commitment to [redacted]

[redacted] The KKK has been cited by the Attorney General. (MM-367-S, 100-7801-1815, page 19 and 20.)

Bureau files negative concerning Decoursy's weekly intelligence report. However, correspondent apparently is referring to monthly booklet entitled 'Intelligence Digest, Review of World Affairs,' which is printed in Britain and distributed within the United States by the Intelligence Publishing Company in New York City, which is registered with the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice. The publication has been consistently anti-Soviet. A British Intelligence contact of known reliability has advised that its content is not regarded as authoritative in official circles. The publication [redacted] publishes news of international and political developments. (62-72678)

Attached letter to SAC, Atlanta, with carbon copy to SAC, Miami, instructs Atlanta Office to contact Dr. Florence, acknowledge receipt of letter, inform him of confidential nature of FBI files, ascertain any additional facts he may have pertaining to this matter and furnish results to Bureau and Miami; and the Miami Office, upon receipt of results of Atlanta interview, to contact General Lowry, advise him concerning Dr. Florence's statement, and ascertain facts concerning his receipt of intelligence reports through FBI.

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of statement of correspondent that General Lowry received FBI reports, it is recommended that no acknowledgement be made of correspondent's letter at Seat of Government, but that the attached letter to SAC, Atlanta, with carbon copy to SAC, Miami, instructing those offices to handle matter, be forwarded.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Mr. Winterrowd	
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FBI, MIAMI 8/6/55 TIME: AIRTEL

Transmit the following Teletype message to:

DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, CHARLOTTE

LOREE FLORENCE, M. D.

GENERAL SUMPTER L. LOWRY

INFORMATION CONCERNING (LIAISON)

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Enclosed herewith to Charlotte are copy of Atlanta tel to Bureau dated 8/4/55, and copy of Bulet to Atlanta dated 7/29/55, together with its enclosure.

Inquiry at Tampa 8/5/55 developed the information General SUMPTER L. LOWRY is now at his summer home at Route 1, Walker Road, Waynesville, N. C.

Charlotte is requested to interview General LOWRY in accordance with instructions in Bulet, and sutel Bureau results of interview.

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For the information of the Bureau, General LOWRY is not identical with the person mentioned on pages 19 and 20 of SA [redacted] report dated 7/26/54, at Miami, in Miami file 100-11349. He is, however, the father of that person. A further review of Miami Indices reflects only one pertinent reference concerning General LOWRY. That was a complaint made 11/6/52 by one [redacted]

[redacted] that General LOWRY might be espousing Fascist beliefs. Complainant in that instance mentioned that LOWRY had been speaking publicly against the UN, against UNESCO, and against the World Federalists Movement, to which latter movement complainant belonged. RUC.

ENCLOSURES TO CHARLOTTE (3)
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Approved: [signature]
Special Agent in Charge

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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LOREE FLORENCE, MD., GENERAL SUMPTER L. LOWRY, INFORMATION
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AUGUST SIX LAST. LT. GEN. SUMPTER L. LOWERY, USA, RETIRED,
RT. ONE, WAYNESVILLE, N. C., TODAY ADVISED HE DOES NOT HAVE
ACCESS TO FBI OR G-TWO FILES OR INFO FROM THESE FILES. GEN.
LOWERY WAS ADVISED OF CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF FBI FILES.
GEN. LOWERY STATED HE HAD WIDE ACQUAINTANCES IN WASHINGTON,
D. C. WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE WELL INFORMED AND HAVE TRAVELED
EXTENSIVELY ABROAD AND HE HAD IN A TEN YEAR PERIOD BUILT UP
A VERY COMPLETE FILE ON COMMUNISM FROM INFO RECEIVED FROM
SOURCES THAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ANY CITIZEN. HE SAID HE
HAS USED THIS INFO IN LECTURES, IN WRITINGS, AND IN HIS
FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM, BUT HIS ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN AS A
CIVILIAN AND HE HAS NO OFFICIAL POSITION WITH THE
GOVERNMENT NOR DOES HE HAVE ACCESS TO INFO. GENERAL
LOWERY VOLUNTEERED THAT LOREE FLORENCE IS VERY INTELLI-
GENT AND PATRIOTIC CITIZEN WHO SHOULD BE DEVELOPED
BY THE FBI TO THE FULLEST BUT THAT SHE

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APPARENTLY MISUNDERSTOOD HIM REGARDING THE SOURCE OF
INFO. HE STATED ALL HIS FILES ARE IN TAMPA, FLA., THAT
HE WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST THE FBI IN ANY AND EVERY WAY
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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: LOREE FLORENCE, M.D.
GENERAL SUMPTER L. LOWRY

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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated 7/27/55 which set forth information concerning receipt of letter dated 7/23/55 by the Director from Loree Florence, who reported that when she asked General Sumpter L. Lowry of Tampa, Florida, and Waynesville, North Carolina, if he received intelligence reports, the General told her he got them through the FBI. Correspondent requested that she also be furnished FBI intelligence reports. A copy of correspondent's letter was furnished SAC, Atlanta, with carbon copy to Miami, by letter dated 7/29/55. Atlanta was instructed to contact Dr. Florence, acknowledge receipt of the letter, inform of confidential nature of FBI files, ascertain any additional facts pertaining to the matter, and furnish results to Bureau and Miami. Miami, upon receipt of results of Atlanta's interview, was instructed to contact General Lowry, advise him concerning Dr. Florence's statement, and ascertain facts concerning his receipt of intelligence reports through the FBI.

By teletype dated 8/4/55 Atlanta reported results of interview with Dr. Florence wherein Florence stated that she and Lowry had discussed world affairs and she had ascertained that both of them received the "Intelligence Digest," [redacted] She stated that she asked Lowry if he received any intelligence reports from America and her recollection of his reply was that he received something from America but she was uncertain whether he said he received intelligence reports from the FBI or G-2. Florence was advised of confidential nature of Bureau files and stated that she probably misunderstood Lowry's statement.

On 8/5/55 Miami ascertained that Lowry was at his summer home in Waynesville, North Carolina, and by airtel dated 8/6/55 requested Charlotte office to interview General Lowry. By teletype dated 8/12/55 Charlotte reported that General Lowry had been interviewed that date and advised he did not have access to FBI or G-2 files or information from these files. General Lowry was advised of confidential nature

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Memorandum Belmont to Boardman

of FBI files. He stated he had wide acquaintances in Washington, D. C., with people who are well informed and have traveled extensively abroad and he had in a 10-year period built up a very complete file on Communism from information received from sources that would be available to any citizen. He said he has used this information in lectures, in writings, and in the fight against Communism, but his activities have been as a civilian and he has no official position with the Government nor does he have access to information. General Lowry volunteered that Loree Florence is very intelligent and a patriotic citizen who should be developed by the FBI to the fullest but that she apparently misunderstood him regarding the source of his information. He stated that all of his files are in Tampa, Florida, and added that he would like to assist the FBI in any and every way possible.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. For your information.

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *W4-35*DATE: August 11, 1955 *as*FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*SUBJECT: LOREE FLORENCE, M.D.
GENERAL SUMPTER L. LOWRY
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Reference is made to my memorandum to you dated 7/27/55, captioned as above, which set forth information concerning receipt of letter by Director from Loree Florence, who reported that when she asked General Sumpter L. Lowry of Tampa, Florida, and Waynesville, North Carolina, if he received intelligence reports, the General told her he got them through the FBI. Correspondent requested that she also be furnished FBI intelligence reports. Attached to my memorandum was a letter dated 7/29/55 to the SAC at Atlanta, with carbon copy to Miami, enclosing copy of correspondent's letter and instructing Atlanta to contact Dr. Florence, acknowledge receipt of letter, inform of confidential nature of FBI files, ascertain any additional facts pertaining to this matter and furnish results to Bureau and Miami; and Miami office, upon receipt of results of Atlanta interview, to contact General Lowry, advise him concerning Dr. Florence's statement and ascertain facts concerning his receipt of intelligence reports through FBI.

On 8/3/55 follow-up teletype was sent SAC's at Atlanta and Miami. By teletype dated 8/4/55 Atlanta reported results of interview of Dr. Florence wherein Florence stated that she and Lowry had discussed world affairs and she had ascertained that both of them received "Intelligence Digest" by [redacted]. She stated that she asked Lowry if he received any intelligence reports from America and her recollection of his reply was that he received something from America but she was uncertain whether he said he received intelligence reports from FBI or G-2. Florence was advised of confidential nature of Bureau files and stated she probably misunderstood Lowry's statements.

By airtel dated 8/6/55, received at Bureau 12:25 p.m. 8/8/55, Miami advised that inquiry at Tampa on 8/5/55 developed information that Lowry was at summer home in Waynesville, North Carolina. Miami airtel requested Charlotte office to interview General Lowry in accordance with instructions in Bulet, and sutel Bureau results of interview.

RECOMMENDATION:

Enclosed is teletype instructing SAC, Charlotte, to sutel immediately.

Enclosure.

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- 1 - Mr. Boardman
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Old-Fashioned Patriotism Is Essential First Step To Save U. S., Lowry Says

A public and "ardent" revival of old-fashioned American patriotism is the necessary first step for this nation's survival against Russia, Sumter L. Lowry of Tampa, declared yesterday.

Lowry, retired lieutenant general of the National Guard, told the Civitan Club of Tampa that patriotism has declined, and is being "soft-pedalled or ridiculed" as the result of the drive for internationalism and the emphasis put upon the United Nations by President Eisenhower.

He put much of the blame for declining patriotism upon "forced integration" of the races in the armed forces "and throughout the South," declaring that it has "divided the nation into bitter factions."

Attacks Collins

Lowry also attacked Governor Collins for "going around the South preaching surrender to the forces of integration" and cited the Governor's recent speech at Boca Raton—in which he urged against massive resistance to integration and racial furor—as an example of it.

He cited Collins' suggestion that we shouldn't abuse the Supreme Court and compared this attitude with the reaction that "makes a hero" out of Satchmo Armstrong, the Negro bandman, when he criticizes the President of the United States.

"Why shouldn't the little fellow in Florida have the freedom of speech to disagree with the Supreme Court?" he asked. "Many ambitious politicians, mostly from the North—some even from the South, are using the integration issue as a vote getting vehicle without regard to the damage it is doing to our own country," Lowry charged.

Lowry, who was a candidate for the governorship against Collins, added that it is "truly a sad thing" to see the Governor advising the people against standing up and fighting "like men."

We Could Be Strong

"If we had spent our time and money looking out for our people and our own nation, we would now be so strong that Russia couldn't challenge our leadership," Lowry said, and added:

"If we had spent on missile development the money we have thrown away on foreign aid we would have beaten the Russians in the satellite race."

He continued to declare that "nationalism is being soft-pedalled or ridiculed. Internationalism—the love of every other country except our own is the fashion of the day."

"While Russia and other foreign countries preach and practice intense nationalism, we worship at the feet of world organizations."

"This course can mean only

death to our nation, for nationalism means just one thing: Self-preservation. When we cease to be interested in self-preservation we are through."

He charged that the National Education Association "must bear a large part of the responsibility for de-emphasizing patriotism in our public school system, for it is that organization that has glorified world citizenship and world government while it has belittled patriotism or has been silent in its defense."

Lowry also included letting the Russians "get away" with shooting down our military planes and killing our men "on many occasions" and "deserting our soldiers when they are in trouble in foreign lands" as other contributing factors to declining patriotism.

Abuse For Patriots

"Patriotism and sacrifice go hand in hand," Lowry said. "No man is a true patriot unless he is willing to make great personal sacrifice. Any man who stands up in the open and says, 'I am for the United States of America, and no other nation', will get only abuse from his enemies and silence from his friends."

That, Lowry added, is the first sacrifice he must be prepared to make, "for patriotism is at a low ebb in this country—few people seem to care" any more.

He said that the United States is in a "life and death" struggle with Russia and that "only by revival of intense patriotism can our people muster the will to resist and overcome the Russian aggression" facing them.

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